

## **HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?**

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IVLP may be able to help you if your income falls at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level, and you do not have significant assets you can use to pay attorney fees.

If you are not sure if you are income or case type eligible, it is still good to inquire.

## **HOW MUCH DO I HAVE TO PAY?**

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In most cases you pay only out-of-pocket expenses (such as process server fees) for court cases. The lawyer's services are free.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

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### **Call IVLP:**

(208) 334-4510 (Boise calling area)  
(800) 221-3295 (Outside Boise)

### **Write IVLP:**

P.O. Box 895  
Boise, ID 83701-0895

### **Visit IVLP on the web:**

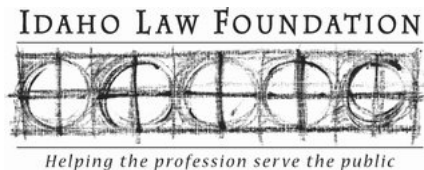
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**Providing  
Low-Income Individuals  
Access to Legal Services**

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## WHAT IS IDAHO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM?

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If you are low-income and need a lawyer for a civil matter, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program (IVLP) may be able to help. Using a statewide network of volunteer attorneys, IVLP provides free civil legal assistance through advice and consultation, brief legal services and representation in certain cases for persons living in poverty.



## HOW DOES IVLP OPERATE?

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You will be asked questions about your income and particulars of your case. If you are eligible and your request fits the program priorities, IVLP will then decide what services might be available to help you.

If your case involves the threat of danger or violence to you or your children, contact your domestic violence crisis center right away.

If your case is appropriate, IVLP may be able to match you with available services. In some areas, you may be invited to a Pro Se Family Law Clinic and paired with a volunteer attorney or paralegal to help you complete the forms needed to file a motion in court. A attorney may be available to give you advice on the process but you will be representing yourself in court. In some cases, an attorney may volunteer to represent you in court.

You may not have a volunteer assigned to your case if you are not income eligible, if your case is not one of the types that IVLP accepts, does not fit program priorities, or if there are no volunteer attorneys available in your area.



## WHAT ARE IVLP PRIORITY CASE TYPES?

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### IVLP can take:

- ◇ Custody and visitation
- ◇ Divorce (limited; contact your local crisis center if you are a victim of domestic violence)
- ◇ Modifications of child custody court orders
- ◇ Guardianships for children
- ◇ Guardianships for adults
- ◇ Debt defense (limited)
- ◇ Wills and estates (limited)
- ◇ Assistance for non-profit corporations

Cases involving domestic violence and/or child endangerment have priority for referral to volunteer attorneys.

### IVLP cannot take:

- ◇ Cases where an attorney can collect a fee
- ◇ Criminal cases
- ◇ Child support collection
- ◇ Defense of child protection cases
- ◇ Defense against protection orders
- ◇ Enforcement or appeals
- ◇ Landlord/tenant issues
- ◇ Torts
- ◇ Paternity cases
- ◇ Workers' compensation